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LIST OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACTIONS

1. Induce the Royal Laotian Government to appeal to SEATO for assistance in maintaining the independence of Laos.

2. Obtain SEATO reaction and invite SEATO member nations to participate in assuring Lao independence.

3. If unable to obtain all SEATO members to react, seek multilateral assistance.

4. Advise SEATO member nations that the United States will proceed unilaterally if necessary.

5. Encourage the Royal Laos Government to establish a cabinet headed by the King with Phoumi having the sole responsibility as Minister of Defense.

6. Obtain necessary base rights and overflight rights from the Governments of South Vietnam and Thailand.

7. Obtain British clearance for the use of Gan Air Base in the Maldive Island Group for air deployment of Pakistani forces.

8. Provide full assurances of United States support, including the defense of Thailand, to the Royal Thai Government for any actions requested of it.

9. Inform the Governments of India, Ceylon, Burma, Cambodia and Malaya, as appropriate, of United States intentions.

10. Inform the United Nations General Assembly, when appropriate, of United States intentions and actions in Laos and the reasons therefor.

11. Exert maximum pressure on Nehru to allow Pakistani overflight clearances.

12. Inform the Communist Bloc of the seriousness of United States intentions.

13. Induce Phoumi to accept a MAAG and advisors at all levels.

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